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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Calvin T. Buckner, DOB 5/21/78, of Madison, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz to 14 ½ years in federal prison, without parole, for possessing and distributing crack cocaine. Buckner pleaded guilty on May 4, 2005.

The charges against Buckner stem from two drug related incidents in late 2004 and early 2005. On September 15, 2004, Buckner sold approximately one ounce of crack cocaine to an undercover police officer. Then, on February 23, 2005, Buckner was apprehended with a small amount of crack cocaine after a high speed chase involving speeds of up to 90 miles per hour. Law enforcement officers later that day located an additional 105 grams of crack cocaine belonging to Buckner at the Madison area home where he was staying.

As reasons for the high sentence, Judge Shabaz cited the drug quantity involved, Buckner's violent criminal history, and the fact that Buckner had a six-year old child in the car with him during the high speed chase.

The defendant's conviction is the result of an investigation conducted by the Dane County Narcotics and Gangs Task Force and the Drug Enforcement

Administration. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S.
Attorney Meredith Duchemin.

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